

THE WEATHER
Tonight and Friday
Probably snow

METAL QUOTATIONS	
SILVER	\$.99 1/2
LONDON SILVER	.69%
COPPER	13 1/4 @ 14 1/4
LEAD	.05 1/2

MANHATTAN RAZED BY BIG FIRE

BRITISH SOLDIERS INSULT THE U. S. FLAG

15 HOUSES ARE BURNED TO GROUND

Manhattan was visited by fire this morning at 3 o'clock, and when the fire had died, over 15 buildings on Main street were laid low. Large amounts of property were destroyed and spread rapidly to the adjacent buildings. On account of the fire, the telephone facilities it is impossible to contact the homes of the residents. The fire started in the building formerly occupied by the Miller company and Hugh Hest two vacant stores and two other shops.

ROBBERS ENTER CENTRAL MARKET

Some time during last night thieves entered the Central market, gaining entrance by way of the skylight, and after a few minutes search decided to purloin two turkeys from the market side and cash, jewelry and other valuables from the Henry Martz grocery department. Several dollars in small change was also taken from the registers of both concerns.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED BY ENGLAND DEPT.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Estimates submitted by the army and navy departments have been returned by Premier Lloyd George as chairman of the cabinet finance committee. He instructed the departments to reduce the figures by over one-half, says the Daily Mail.

MOB HANGS MAN THIS MORNING FORT WORTH

PORT WORTH, Dec. 23.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man, held on a chair in front of a mob, and was hanged. Several shots were fired into the body.

AMERICA IS AIDING STARVING KIDDIES

Advisers to the New York committee of the European Relief fund describe the enthusiasm with which the arrival of the first Christmas "Dollar Parcel" sent into the ravaged country from America is being received by the undernourished people in the areas where suffering from lack of food is especially great. The packages arriving there now contain a Christmas supplement of sugar and cocoa in addition to the items included heretofore.

The Austrian press almost universally has commented with enthusiasm on the generosity of the American people in sending so many of these parcels into the country. Without them it is the consensus, the suffering would have been greatly aggravated. Responsibility for the delivery of the parcels is assumed by the council and cards denoting their destination may be obtained at any postoffice in the United States. Many citizens have availed themselves of this method of aiding relatives in the war-devastated areas.

During the winter the council, a recently formed amalgamation of the leading American welfare agencies dispensing relief in central Europe, expects to spend \$25,000,000 in salvaging the lives of children and nursing mothers in the most distressed sections. More than 3,000,000 helpless and undernourished children in the several countries are almost wholly dependent upon American aid until the next harvest. Herbert Hoover is chairman and the saving spirit of the affiliation and Franklin K. Kane is its treasurer.

RETURNS FROM COAST

A. E. Lowe, superintendent of the South Star Mining company, accompanied by Mrs. Lowe, returned to Tonopah this morning. Mrs. Lowe has for the last month been visiting friends in California while Mr. Lowe was inspecting a mining property at Luning.

CATHOLICS TAKE ISSUE WITH YMCA

ROME, Italy, Dec. 23.—The Holy See has issued a decree asking Catholic bishops to watch an organization which, while professing to be religious, is in reality a secular society. The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association by name and it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real character.

The decree says the organization promotes the faith of youths, classes in the canon law which form part of the curriculum of the organization, and religious matters, instills indifference to the Catholic religion, and the decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association by name and it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real character.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Officials of the overseas department of the U. S. A. expressed amazement when they learned the Holy Office in Rome had issued a decree warning American missionaries against the American organization as a "conspiracy."

FOOD PRICES ARE STILL DROPPING

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Wholesale prices of food dropped 10 percent in California in the past three months, while retail prices remained practically the same, according to W. G. Mullins, state business agent who issued his statement on bids received by his department for supplying food to state institutions.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL FLOODS

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 23.—Control of floods throughout the southern section of the United States is the tentative plan of the Smithsonian Water Resources office at the United States Geological survey, with headquarters here.

The idea is to temporarily dam up the water in the mountainous regions where the floods are most likely to occur and store it until high winds of storms lower down the valleys. The plan is to build a series of small dams, each about 100 feet high, and to build a series of small dams, each about 100 feet high, and to build a series of small dams, each about 100 feet high.

GERALDINE L. JONES PASSES TO BEYOND

Geraldine L. Jones, 24 years, passed away at the home of her father, John W. Jones, today at 10 p. m. The little girl had been ill for several days, but until yesterday no thought of death was entertained. She was a resident of Tonopah for eight years, and has the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of Wm. & Cavanaugh, and will be strictly private.

CLARA BARTON SMITH ON WAY TO ARDMORE

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Clara Barton Smith, wanted in connection with the murder of Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman of Ardmore, Oklahoma, left El Paso for Ardmore today, accompanied by her lawyers and Sheriff Garrett, to whom she surrendered at Juarez last night.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 23.—The state of Oklahoma will aid in the prosecution of Clara Smith when she comes to trial. Governor Robertson announced today. He will instruct the attorney general's department to assist in the prosecution.

GROSS DEFICIENCY NATIONAL FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Gross deficiency in the national fiscal transactions of \$2,100,000,000 this year and \$1,500,000,000 for the next fiscal year was forecast by Secretary Houston in his testimony before the senate finance committee, which is considering the soldier bonus bill. The secretary said the federal finances were in such shape that new sources of revenue must be found and no new burdens added to the treasury.

STATE ELEVATOR BUILDING WILL SOON STOP WORK

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 23.—At the end of the present week, or as soon thereafter as practicable, work on the state mill and elevator building at Grand Forks will be discontinued, according to a resolution passed by the state industrial commission. The resolution stated the financial situation was such that it appears the enterprise should be discontinued until the mill and elevator bonds can be sold.

RAILWAY PAYS GIRL \$7650 FOR LOST LEG

WAKEFAN, Ill., Dec. 23.—The loss of a leg represents \$7650 to Miss Lillian Tucker, aged 17, a Highland Park high school girl, who was injured April 2 when an automobile truck in which she and her father, George Tucker, were riding, was struck by a Chicago & North-western train. She sustained the loss of her right leg and suit for \$10,000 was filed. The case was settled out of court for the amount stated, the railroad also agreeing to pay hospital and doctor fees. Letters of guardianship were issued to the girl's father in the probate court.

MAY DENY FOREIGN SHIPS ENTRANCE U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Foreign ships on which conditions below that set by the American merchant marine exist would be denied entrance to American ports, under a bill introduced by Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee.

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Local Observer, United States	
Weather Bureau	
Temperature	34
Current	34
Wind	34
Relative humidity	71
Temperatures Extreme	
1920	1919
Maximum yesterday	45
Minimum yesterday	23

WAREXISTS FACTIONS IN ITALY

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Gabriele D'Annunzio has proclaimed that a state of war exists between his Fiume government and Italy and has forbidden the population of Fiume to leave the city, says a Rome dispatch quoting official advice. The proclamation, the dispatch adds, says that anyone speaking against D'Annunzio is liable to be shot.

Dispatches state that military works along the line marking the frontier of the "Regency of Quarnero" have been raided and Italian destroyers are said to have shelled D'Annunzio's batteries on the island of Veglia, southwest Fiume. It is asserted that D'Annunzio has planned to abandon Fiume and land somewhere along the Dalmatian coast where he would raise the banner of revolt, hoping to create a situation which would nullify the treaty of Rapallo. The scheme is said to have been frustrated by government troops.

K. O. KRUVOSKY ON STAND TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Edward Kravosky, pugilist, offered testimony in his own behalf to break down the charge of having criminally assaulted Jessie Montgomery, of Reno, Kravosky, while admitting his presence in the house where the attack took place, said that Miss Montgomery was a willing party to all that transpired. He denied making advances that were not requested by the girl herself. "Spud" Murphy, the first to be convicted, will be sentenced tomorrow.

MAY USE X-RAY IN STATE PRISON

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 23.—The Michigan state penitentiary here has set what is said to be an innovation in prison management by the purchase of an X-ray machine with which to photograph the skulls of inmates and determine if surgical operations might cure the patients of criminal tendencies. This work has just been undertaken at the prison.

When it is found that a part of the skull is pressing on the brain an operation is to be performed in the prison hospital by Detroit surgeons who have volunteered to cooperate. If the operation is believed to have cured the prisoner, the judge who sentenced him will be asked by Warden Harry J. Hurlbert of the prison to issue a writ of habeas corpus. A number of judges in the state have agreed to issue to any such request made by the warden, he announced.

RAILROADS TO GET LOAN OF \$56,625,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The loan of \$56,625,000 to eight railroads to help finance improvements amounting to \$58,825,000 was approved by the interstate commerce commission today.

DRAWS \$25 FINE

John Heaps, who makes himself conspicuous in the police court often, and who was charged with disturbing the peace early this week, was before Judge Grier today and was fined \$25.

BOLSHEVIKI ARE CONCENTRATING FORCES

TIFLIS, Dec. 23.—Russian bolshevik forces appear to be concentrating for a campaign to eliminate the republic of Georgia from the map of the Caucasus region. Heavy Soviet forces have been concentrated at Tausep port, on the eastern shore of the Black sea, and at Gargi, a port still further to the southeast toward the Georgian frontier.

TONOPAH P. O. IS OPEN XMAS

Tonopah postoffice business has been greater than any preceding year, is the statement of Postmaster James J. McQuillan, who was asked this morning regarding the task of handling the Christmas business. Mr. McQuillan said, "We have been on the job 24 hours a day for the past week, as the traffic has been extremely heavy. In former years the public waited until the last day to send out their packages, but this year it has been different. A steady stream of Christmas packages has been arriving for the past three days. On Christmas morning our force of clerks will be on hand to deliver all mail that is received on that day and it is hoped that anyone expecting letters or packages on that date will call early, it will be a great help to the employees."

DEPT. INTERVENES IN CABLE MIX-UP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The state department has intervened in what threatened to be a controversy between the British embassy and the senate committee investigating cable communications, over the question of whether there is a British censorship of cable messages to the United States originating in the British Isles.

The department's action is regarded as a rebuke to the embassy for sending direct to Senator Kellogg, chairman of the committee, a letter denying the testimony of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, that cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain were subject to delay and examination by British naval intelligence officers.

The embassy's action is understood to be regarded by the department as a breach of diplomatic courtesy. The department will take up the subject matter of the controversy directly with the embassy, whether it will ask for an explanation of the action of the embassy in writing directly to the senator has not yet been indicated.

FLOATER GIVEN TO UNDESIRABLE FIEND

Edith Lewis, who is classed as an undesirable, was arrested by chief of Police Grant this morning and a charge of vagrancy placed against her name on the police blotter. He appeared before Judge H. B. Grier this afternoon and was sentenced to the chain gang for a period of 60 days. Grier suspended sentence until tomorrow morning and informed the alleged vagrant that if his presence decorated Tonopah at that time he would recall the suspension of sentence.

ERECT MONUMENT FOR BOLSHEVIK VICTIMS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 1.—By Mail.—Victims of Bela Kun's bolshevistic regime in Hungary are to be exhumed wherever they are buried and laid to perpetual rest in a vast mausoleum built for this purpose by the municipal council of Budapest. A monument will be erected to the memory of their sufferings and the anniversary of the solemn burial will be commemorated every year as a day of national mourning.

SHOUT TEAR DAMNED FLAG

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—An attempt by British soldiers to tear down an American flag from her father's home in Queenstown, Ireland, where she was staying last August, was described by Mrs. Michael Mohan of Coruna, Long Island, before the commission investigating conditions in Ireland. Mrs. Mohan said she put up the flag as protection against raids, and when a party of soldiers saw it, one of them shouted, "Tear down that damned American flag and trample on it." The soldiers then, she said, smashed the windows in a fruitless attempt to climb up to the flag.

ELKS LODGE WILL HOLD SERVICES FOR WOODWARD

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 23.—The body of J. L. Woodward, who was killed Tuesday afternoon by a fall in a mine shaft at Goldfield, was taken to Goldfield following an inquest held before Dave Coleman, justice of the peace at Divide. The jury decided that death was caused by a fractured skull. Dr. J. L. McCarthy testified at the inquest.

A brother and nephew of the deceased are expected to arrive here from Los Angeles, and it is expected that the funeral will be held tomorrow, with services by the Elks, of which the deceased was a member. He also was a member of the Eagles. J. L. Woodward was born in Baltimore, Md., and was 51 years of age. He was one of the few real pioneers of Goldfield remaining here and his connection with early-day affairs made him widely known. He had hundreds of friends and there are many who have come to remember him on account of acts of kindness and friendship years ago, when in those fast-moving days Woodward, known for his generosity, aided many over troubled spots in their career.

CAN'T STEAL FROM DEAD MAN; RETURNS CLOTHES

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 23.—Because he "could not steal from a dead man," John Walka of East Boston, who escaped from the Salem hospital while wearing the clothes that belonged to George Canfield, a patient who had died the night before, returned the borrowed clothing by parcel post.

BUTLER THEATRE —TODAY—

CONSTANCE TALMADGE
—IN—
"IN SEARCH OF A SINNER"
Peppy, lively, naughty, wise, sly, and spicy and every thing nice
PATHE NEWS
—AND—
A PRIZMA FILM
—TOMORROW—
MAN O' WAR
VS
SIR BARTON
The greatest race of all times in two reels of slow motion pictures.
—ALSO—
A George Fitzmaurice Special
"THE RIGHT TO LOVE"

LAST MINUTE NEWS

THREE MEN KILLED

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 23.—Three men were killed and three injured when an auto stage plunged over a bridge into the Humptulips river, near here today.

EXPLOSION KILLS MAN

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 23.—One man was killed and the oil barge Balikaw is burning as a result of an explosion on the craft this afternoon at the Southern Pacific oil terminals. Fire threatens the tanker Hastnai, which is lying at the same dock.

TIJUANA CLEAN-UP DRIVES OUT WOMEN

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Tijuana's clean-up continues. Having stopped all gambling there, the present regime has ordered out all women of questionable character. Seventy-five crossed the line Saturday and Sunday and a score or so others are expected to leave today. They are not interfered with and scattered in San Diego, leaving for Los Angeles, the police say.